

sure that you are faithful in little things, and God will call you up higher. Did he not say, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many?" There is the secret of promotion.

3. *Fishers of Men.*—The very thing we need to do is to follow Christ. Until we follow him he can not and will not use us. If you expect to do work for Christ, see to it that you attach yourself to him. This means that you disengage yourself from all other masters, and from all things that are sinful, and devote yourself entirely to the service of the Master. Such Christ can use. He will make us fishers of men. That is promotion, from the ordinary occupation of catching fish to the higher, grander, nobler work of rescuing souls from the dark waters of sin. So Christ says to all of us, come and follow me, carpenter, and I will make you a builder of immortal character; come, ye that are farmers, and I will make you sowers of the eternal seed that will yield a harvest for time and eternity, etc. The most noble work in all this world is saving souls. Those who do this work, the Bible says, shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

To Make You Think

1. What did Jesus begin to do? 2. What had he been doing? 3. What is it to repent? 4. Why were people to repent? 5. What is the kingdom of heaven? 6. Where is the kingdom of heaven to be found? 7. Is the church of God in the kingdom, or is the kingdom in the church? 8. What four persons did Jesus call? 9. What were they doing? 10. Had they been called before? John 1:35-43. 11. What did Christ promise to make them? 12. What is it to be fishers of men? 13. Who are the fish? 14. What is the net? 15. What is the bait? 16. What did these men leave to follow Jesus? 17. Must we do the same? 18. What two fold work did Christ perform? 19. Does the gospel produce a like effect now? 20. In what way will Jesus help us in disease?

Thoughts for Young People

Working for Christ

1. *Christ needs workers.* He might have arranged the plan of salvation so that there should be no agents in its work; but he has arranged it so that there is a work to be done. When souls are saved there is always a helper in the salvation.

2. *Christ employs human beings as workers.* He never gives to an angel the work of pointing a soul in the way of salvation, but always uses men. Cornelius was sent to Peter, Saul was sent to Ananias, and every saved soul was taught by some other soul.

3. *Christ calls workers to his work.* He had the choice of all the world for his apostles, and he chose these fishermen; men who were simple, plain, industrious, willing to face hardships, teachable in spirit.

4. *Christ seeks for trained workers.* These men were untrained when he called them, but they spent three years in the best school of theology that was ever instituted, walking

with Christ and learning of him. Get training, that you may use it for God.

5. *Christ seeks for consecrated workers.* They were called upon to renounce home, friends, property, and to give their all to him. So now he wants whole-hearted, consecrated, self-sacrificing men and women, who are willing to spend and be spent in his work.

6. *Christ will give success to his workers.* He who works for Christ shall receive abundant wages, even though he loses his all. He shall find joy in winning souls and an eternal reward.

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OUR CHICAGO LETTER

BAPTISM

Again we filled the baptistery—this time a young man entered into new relations with Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I told you recently a gentleman spent the afternoon with me talking on the subject. This man was the one. He said he could not have the matter attended to any too soon, as he had to hold services on Sunday night. I named Monday night. The night was dark and rainy but the crowd was good, and the services impressive. All three men recently baptized are good Christian workers, and can take hold most anywhere. In the face of great odds, amidst the most peculiar and trying circumstances, the work goes on. One year ago at this writing, Dec. 15, 1896, we commenced our every night meetings. Now we have some good and tried members, with various lines of church work, and men and women being saved.

PRACTICAL RELIGION

We have a brother who talks much on practical religion, and some of our folks were talking on what Christ had done for them,

made me think that the religion of Christ was practical all the time. The other night in the mission we were talking of the change grace made in the individual, a young woman said before her father was converted she was afraid of him when he came home, but now she loved to see him. A gentleman said that three years ago he was in such a condition that his family were taken away from him, and he started out to the lake to drown himself. On the way he heard singing and went in and there found Christ. Now the family are happy, and regular attendants at the church. Last night in the King's Children a man said he thanked God for the mission, as here in the hall he first saw the light and gave God his heart. I could fill this sheet with testimonies, but we all know that religion is practical pertaining to this world and that which is to come. Those who get it right have a changed heart, home and life. Even the dogs, cats and horses know the change.

NOT ENOUGH DISCIPLINE

An old brother came to see me recently. He said he liked our spirit, and was interested in our work, and thought he would join us, and he desired to see our discipline. I stated to him our position, and he seemed to think that was not enough. The burden of his thought was, if bad men would get in how could we get them out. We had quite a nice talk, and brother Charley Yoder calling I turned the old brother over to his tender mercy, and Charley as usual did some good. We have had some bad men to contend with here, and I think they have been handled with the gospel about as well as could be. The presence of a human discipline does not keep men strait. There are now five prominent men I now have in view. All five are members of the church, three are Methodist class leaders. All five rent their property for houses of prostitution. The fact is if men will not abide by the gospel, all the human laws in the world will avail nothing. The gospel alone is sufficient, let it be applied.

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Several days before Christmas the boxes began to come in and arrangements were made for our dinners. This time we had two in view and hence extra work and responsibility, but both were a success. On the north side we fed over an hundred, at our home place over two hundred, at both places near four hundred people were fed and some fragments were left over and families too poor or sick to come were supplied. We also gave out shoes, stockings, clothes, etc., and many a heart was made glad. These dinners do good and show the world that the religion does look after the physical. I went in a store near the night before Christmas to secure an expressman; a crowd of men were around the stove discussing Christ and Christianity. They were business men and not religious. I talked with them about our dinners and one of them said, "Well, I think you people have the right ring and are showing your religion, and